

ANTHRAX

(Naturally occurring)

- Caused by bacteria obtained from animal contact or eating meat from infected animals
 - Infected animals = livestock and wildlife
 - Increased risk during droughts
- Symptoms
 - Skin form – bump ➤ blister ➤ ulcer, swelling, and fever
 - GI form – nausea, vomiting, fever, and abdominal pain
 - Inhalation form – fever, cough, chest discomfort, muscle aches, respiratory distress and death
- Countermeasures ➡ Avoid animal contact
 - Eat only food approved by the U.S. military
 - Bivouac away from livestock and wildlife
- Bioterrorism agent

